

every year. She donates her free time to making banners for Furnace Brook's "One Book One School" program. Sandy has run countless fundraisers, talent shows, and other community-building activities. In 1999, she founded the "Denty Connection", a private business that has helped many teachers get re-certified and receive graduate credits.

Sandy Denty's selfless career as a teacher in Marshfield Public Schools has come to an end after thirty-seven years, but her impact has spanned multiple generations of students and will never be forgotten. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Sandy Denty on her retirement and recognizing her for her outstanding service to the Town of Marshfield and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
MARK BERGSTROM

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work of Captain Mark Bergstrom as he retires after a life of service in the United States Marine Corps and as a Police Officer at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. During his over 30 years of service to our nation and the University of North Texas Police Department, he has been a committed leader in his community.

Mark started his life of service in the Marine Corps in 1987. He served as Battalion Communications Chief Billet in the 2nd Battalion 14th Marine Regiment. He received numerous awards while serving including the Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, and Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal. He received an honorable discharge in 1993.

While completing college classes, Captain Bergstrom joined the UNT Police Department in 1994 as a part-time Community Service Officer. In 1996, he graduated from UNT with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Strategic Management and was hired full-time as a police officer. During his career, Captain Bergstrom has worked and served as a supervisor in every UNT Police Department division. He earned his Master Peace Officer License in 2006.

Throughout his career at the UNT Police Department, he has been recognized numerous times for outstanding service. His awards include Police Commendation, Supervisor of the Year, UNT Staff Contribution Award, and most notably, a Lifesaving Award.

On the morning of September 28, 2015, Captain Bergstrom saved a young lady in mental distress from being struck on I-35. He observed her wandering back and forth across the multi-lane highway narrowly missing being hit several times. Several vehicles had to take evasive action at high rates of speed to avoid striking her. Thanks to Mark's quick effective response, he was able to detain her safely and remove her from the roadway with no injuries or accidents.

Captain Bergstrom has devoted over 35 years to serving and protecting his country and community. For more than three decades,

he has put strangers' safety above his own, and we are indebted to him. I am deeply grateful for his service to our nation and community, and I wish Captain Bergstrom and his family the best in his retirement.

IN HONOR OF 2021 MICHIGAN
SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE
YEAR ELIZABETH KANAGAWA

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Elizabeth "Betsy" Kanagawa of Brownstown Charter Township, Michigan, on being named the 2021 Michigan School Counselor of the Year by the Michigan School Counselor Association. Her significant contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Mrs. Kanagawa is a two-time graduate of Spring Arbor University, where she studied counseling, English, psychology, and secondary education. She has been a school counselor for over nine years and works at Patrick Henry Middle School in the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District.

Known for her caring personality and innovative programs, Mrs. Kanagawa has changed her school for the better. When she noticed that students of color were getting lower PSAT scores and were at risk of being referred to the office at a high rate, she got to the root of the problem by taking the time to have important, sometimes difficult conversations with teachers and administrators and provided the interventions needed to support these students rather than discipline them. Mrs. Kanagawa has pioneered a program called "Minute Meetings" where she meets with every single student to talk about their mental health and determine how to better serve them.

With her extensive work in community intervention and mental health, Mrs. Kanagawa led the creation of the Mental Health Advisory Board which has brought together school officials and community health leaders to eliminate barriers that exist in connecting students to mental health services. She serves as a member of American School Counselor Association and the Michigan School Counselor Association, where she is on the governing board serving as the middle school level representative. She resides in Brownstown with her husband, Niko.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Elizabeth "Betsy" Kanagawa. I join with Mrs. Kanagawa's students and colleagues in thanking her for her stellar service to Patrick Henry Middle School and to our entire community. She has consistently gone above and beyond on behalf of her students and has tirelessly dedicated herself to making our schools a better place for all. We are very lucky to have her in our district and wish her the very best in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF LILLIAN
VACCARELLO

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Cape Cod resident, Lillian Vaccarello, as she celebrates her 100th birthday on July 13, 2021.

Lillian was born on July 13, 1921 in Concord, Massachusetts. She was a talented athlete, playing on her high school's field hockey team, she was even voted by her classmates as "most athletic." Not long after, Lillian married her husband, Vincent Vaccarello, in 1939. They moved to Waltham, first to a triple decker surrounded by Vinny's family, until eventually purchasing a home of their own in the Warrendale neighborhood of Waltham. There, the couple would raise their four children, Janet, Diane, Skip, and Rick. Lillian worked various jobs to help support her family including working evenings at the Waltham Watch Company and as a station wagon driver for the Green Acres Nursery School. She would later become a teacher at the school while attending night classes. Lillian later joined the school's administration before retiring after 21 years.

Throughout her life, Lillian was a well-known community volunteer. Lillian was a Girl Scout Leader and a member of her community's Women's Club. She helped found the Warrendale Little League and was head of the Women's Auxiliary. Lillian has also dedicated her time to volunteering with nursing homes, Meals on Wheels, the garden club, and a local church organization that delivers meals to those in need. Lillian also loved to organize neighborhood activities to bring families and children together.

Lillian has lived a full and adventurous life. She performed on the Jay Leno Show with her tambourine group, the Concord Shakers. She took a hot balloon ride for her 80th birthday and a bi-plane tour over Cape Cod for her 93rd. In her now 100 years of life, Lillian's joy and dedication to helping others continues to be a constant presence in her new community of Cape Cod Senior Residency.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing Lillian Vaccarello a very happy 100th birthday. I wish her continued health and happiness in this next year of her life.

IN RECOGNITION OF REBECCA
CULP

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rebecca Culp as the recipient of the Blair County Chamber's prestigious Young Professional of the Year Award.

Rebecca has been awarded with this honor due to her investment into the Blair County community, and demonstrated a history of excellence, creativity, and initiative to emit a positive impact on her neighbors. As the administrative lead for Berry Solutions Group,